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SUBJECT: Briefing of HAC Defense Subcommittee on Stealth

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1. On 31 January 1985 at 11:30 a.m. in Room H140 of The Capitol, [   ] DI/OSWR, and [   ] LD/OLL, briefed Chairman Addabbo (D., NY) and Ranking Member McDade (R., PA) of the HAC Defense Subcommittee on Stealth. Present from the Committee staff were Don Richbourg, Jim Van Wagenen, John Plaishal, and George Allen. The Subcommittee had the room swept and provided monitoring. No transcript was taken. The briefing was at the Top Secret Codeword level.

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2. [   ] outlined for the Committee the nature of the Soviet stealth program as we understand it and what we would be looking for in Soviet efforts to develop counterstealth technology. The bottom line of his judgments are attached. Chairman Addabbo departed after the first half of the briefing, but the others remained for the full hour. Most of the questions concerned the basic physics involved in stealth and counterstealth technology, and it appeared both the Members and the staff present came away with a much clearer understanding of the basics.

3. Jim Van Wagenen subsequently informed me that they had greatly appreciated the briefing and that he felt that the House Armed Services Committee should have a similar briefing. I have offered the briefing to Kim Wincup, HAS Staff Director, but no time has yet been set.

4. In a completely unrelated development, Chairman Addabbo was told at the briefing who the new Democratic Members of HPSCI were to be. He was clearly surprised, and as he departed, he said to me, "My condolences on the problems you will be facing in HPSCI."

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